



## VAN VOORHIS ROARING NEWS

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- \*1/1-**NO SCHOOL**- New Year's Day
- \*1/14-End of Quarter 2
- \*1/15-**NO SCHOOL** Parent/Teacher Conferences **GRADES PK-6 ONLY**
- \*1/18-**NO SCHOOL**-MLK, Jr. Day
- \*1/20-Literacy Interim 1 Assessments for Third and Fourth grade students
- \*1/22-**NO SCHOOL**-Report Card Prep
- \*1/28-Deadline for Flu Vaccination/Waiver
- \*1/29-Quarter 2 Report Cards go home
- \*2/2-Math Interim 2 Assessments for Third and Fourth grade students

### Gentle Reminders

**100% ID CHECK:** We have a 100% ID check when picking up students or when requesting student information.



**\*If your phone number or emergency contacts have changed, please update your student's record(s) as soon as possible.**

\*Lunch distribution is on Tuesdays from 10:30-12:00 at the back cafeteria door.

Van Voorhis Parents,

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year as we come together again for the second half of the school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful Winter Break. We will begin the year in remote status, but we are eager to return to brick and mortar as we sincerely miss our students. I again thank you for all the support thus far, and ask for your continued support through the end of the school year.



A reminder that the second quarter will end on the 14th and report cards will go home at the end of the month. Please take time to review with your student(s) and have a discussion as to how they feel they are doing. Students should feel confident in their learning. Please schedule a conference with the teacher if there is a need.

Testing will continue throughout the second half of the year. Schedules and more information will follow. Please ensure that your student is well rested and bellies are full on test days. This helps them focus and will allow them to be less stressed during testing.

Again, I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday break and thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully,  
Angelique Johnson  
Principal





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### Counselor's Corner



Happy New Year! It's hard to believe 2020 has come and gone. What a year 2020 was! Together we learned to overcome many obstacles and challenges while counting our blessings along the way. Now we're starting another new year, which will bring its own set of challenges as well as exciting new beginnings. We've proven during this pandemic we can overcome challenges by working together and staying strong. One word of encouragement that I would like to share with our Van Voorhis family is appreciate. Appreciate the beauty that surrounds you, appreciate the people in your life, and most importantly appreciate the life that you have been blessed with. Every day is a gift! We appreciate and love our students, parents and staff. Thanks for all that you do to make Van Voorhis Elementary School the best!

### Academic Updates

As we continue to support the development of your child's student-centered instruction to match instruction with students' strengths and needs, this school year we are offering College and Career Ready

Standards (CCRS) Interim Assessments in English-Language Arts/Literacy (ELA/Literacy) and Mathematics. CCRS Interim Assessments are designed to assess student progress in mastering the DoDEA CCRS during the course of the school year and provide data to help inform instruction, student interventions, and your child's teacher professional development. The window for the Interim Assessments opened in November. We will keep you updated as our students take these assessments and we gather valuable data which will be used to drive our instruction.

For additional information on DoDEA's CCRS or for tips on how you can support your child's success, please visit DoDEA's College and Career Ready Website at [https://www.dodea.edu/collegeCareerReady/index.cfm?cssearch=124568\\_1](https://www.dodea.edu/collegeCareerReady/index.cfm?cssearch=124568_1).

For information on CCRS Interim Assessment resources, please visit [https://www.dodea.edu/assessments/resources/CCRS\\_Interim\\_Assessments.cfm](https://www.dodea.edu/assessments/resources/CCRS_Interim_Assessments.cfm).

Respectfully,  
Mrs. Ratchford  
Counselor





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### School Nurse Notes



Please visit my Google Classroom at [ng2f74t](https://classroom.google.com/join/1ng2f74t)

Flu Shot season is here and the deadline is approaching. According to the CDC, getting a flu vaccine is more important than ever during 2020-2021 to protect yourself and the people around you from flu, and to help reduce the strain on healthcare systems responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. DoDEA does require



the flu vaccine or signed waiver by January 28, 2021.

Please email me a copy of vaccination proof to

[robin.garcia@dodea.edu](mailto:robin.garcia@dodea.edu) or

contact me at (502) 624-1484

if you have questions about the waiver.

For the continued health and safety of all staff and students, the school and parent community must work together to prevent the introduction and spread of COVID-19 in the school environment while providing a quality education program. To aid in prevention, we require parents to perform a short check each morning within two hours of arrival to school.

Please check for the following symptoms:

- Temperature 100.4° F or higher when taken by mouth

- Sore throat
- NEW uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain OR
- NEW onset of severe headache, especially with fever

Please contact me for further guidance:

- If you had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID 19; OR
- If you have traveled or arrived from an area where the local, territorial, or state health department is reporting large numbers of COVID-19 cases as described in the Community Mitigation Framework or in HPCON C or D

If your student(s) is not feeling well, or experiencing symptoms, please do not send them to school.

Visit this link to learn more about how to select, wear and clean masks.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

Thank you,  
Nurse Garcia





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Van Voorhis Elementary participates in the Box Tops for Education program. Download the app to start earning by scanning your receipts for the products with the Box Tops icon.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



### Registrar's Office Notes

If your student will be withdrawing from Van Voorhis, please inform our registrar, Ms. Mitchell, as far in advance as possible so we can coordinate and inform all the necessary staff to ensure a smooth withdrawal process for your student. Ms. Mitchell can be reached by email at [esther.mitchell@dodea.edu](mailto:esther.mitchell@dodea.edu) or by phone at (502) 624-5854.

We would also like to welcome all of our new students to our school. As a reminder, please begin the registration process by visiting <https://www.dodea.edu/DORS>. Once complete, contact Ms. Mitchell for the next steps to finalize the registration process.

Documents that are required to register are:

- Birth Certificate
- Orders to Fort Knox
- Immunizations
- Housing Lease Agreement (pages 1-11) or 90 Day Housing Letter
- Spouse's Military ID (if spouse is registering the student)

Additional information on registration requirements can be found by visiting <https://www.dodea.edu/registration-process.cfm>

Please remember that enrollment documentation must be updated yearly or upon expiration. If you have received a notice of missing documentation, please bring to Ms. Mitchell as soon as possible to avoid interruption of student enrollment.



### Attendance Notes

School attendance is important for students to receive the best education. DoDEA's system-wide attendance policy for students is



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consistent with those found in many public schools throughout the United States. All Students are required to attend school for 180 instructional days per school year to ensure continuity of instruction and that they successfully meet academic standards and demonstrate continuous educational progress. Parents should notify the school of their child's absence by at least 30 minutes after the start of the school day for which the student is absent.

Parents can help student attendance by:

- Scheduling medical and dental appointments outside of school hours
- Schedule vacations during school breaks
- Schedule Permanent Change of Station (PCS) moves to coincide with summer breaks
- When moving, check school calendars to be aware of important school dates

Additional information on DoDEA's attendance policy can be found by visiting the following:  
<https://www.dodea.edu/StudentServices/Attendance/index.cfm> as well as in the Van Voorhis Parent/Student Handbook on the Van Voorhis Website at <https://www.dodea.edu/VanVoorhisES/policy.cfm>.

### January Fun Facts

- January's birthstone is the Garnet, which is said to bring love, luck, health, loyalty, and friendship
- January's birth flower is the Carnation, also known as the gillyflower, and symbolizes admiration, love, and distinction
- January is International Creativity Month, National Book Month, National Thank you Month and National Hobby Month
- On average, January is the coldest month of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, and the hottest month of the Southern Hemisphere
- We celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr on January 18th this year, the 3rd Monday of the month
- January 18th is also Winnie the Pooh Day; this is the birthday of author A.A. Milne.
- January 20th is Inauguration Day
- The first Super Bowl was held on January 15, 1967, at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.
- On January 1, 1776, the first American Flag, the "Grand Union" was presented.
- Elvis Presley, Eli Manning, Oprah Winfrey, Martin Luther King Jr, Betty White Frank Sinatra and Michelle Obama ALL have January birthdays!





# JANUARY

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To get updated information on school happenings, please visit the following:

<https://www.facebook.com/DodeaVanVoorhisES/>



<https://www.dodea.edu/VanVoorhisES/>

<https://www.dodea.edu/returntoschool.cfm>

